

consequently it was determined to purchase the plant owned by the Editor, Brother A. D. Gnagey at the price already mentioned, \$2500.00.

Now to prove the wisdom of the action of your Board the following comparison is made between the cost of conducting the business prior to the change, and since the change.

Total running expense of the business from August 1, 1896, to April 1, 1897, was \$3548.34 or something over \$102.00 a week. The expense from April 1, to August 2, 1897, (under the present arrangement) \$1225.19 or just about \$70.00 per week. This shows that the total expense of the Publishing House will only be about \$3500.00 per year now, whereas, it was fully that for eight months before the change. These estimates are made from actual figures as they appear upon the records and are attested by the amounts of cash received and paid by the secretary and treasurer; they are therefore correct and should satisfy every mind of the prudence of the Board in doing what it did.

Now the question will of course arise in every thinking mind, how is it possible to do the same business at \$1500.00 per year less now than under the contract system? The reduction comes from various sources. The Board has dispensed with a book-keeper which saves about \$400.00, has taken eight pages out of the Quarterly, saving \$100.00 and uses a cheaper quality of paper in some of the periodicals which saves about \$100.00 per year, and then pays no profits for printing, but gets its work done at the actual cost of labor, which by the way, is very low at Ashland. While Brother Gnagey did the printing for the Board at about half of regular city rates he did of course not do it without profit. In the item of printing is of course the principal saving because of the very low price of composition at Ashland. Union rates are \$40 per 1000 ems, whereas we pay only \$13 or in other words we pay about \$15.00 per week for what costs about \$50.00 at standard rates. One more comparison, and I am done. The Board paid Brother Gnagey \$30.00 for printing two thousand EVANGELISTS. We got estimates in both Chicago and Philadelphia and in both cities the lowest estimates were \$60.00 for the same work.

I have gone into these details to show that there has been no dishonesty but that our arrearages are mainly the result of unfortunate circumstances in not owning our outfit and thus not being able to get the work done at actual cost.

JACOB C. CASSEL,
Sec'y and Treas. Brethren Pub. Board.

Unionville, Iowa.

We don't report very often from this place, but the good work is going on, for which we praise the Lord. Last Sunday two precious souls were added to the church by baptism. May the Lord bless and ever be with them. The following evening had consecration service. The church was full; all could not gain admittance.

Our hearts were made sad as we listened to sister Clara Flora's last sermon (for the present) for we hope to hear her again in the future. She labored for us nearly two years. She did her work well, came through heat and cold, through storm and sunshine. She preached nothing but Christ and him crucified. We have members here that will stand by their pastor and never forsake them in the battle against the enemy. We are now without a pastor. Will close by asking the brotherhood to remember us in your prayers. May God's blessing accompany all that is right. Yours in hope of eternal life.

MRS. GEO. WHISLER.

McLouth, Kan.

It is with great pleasure that we write you the good news from this place. Brother Louis Bauman came here from Kanemorado district conference and began to wield the sword of the spirit with convincing and convicting power. For three weeks he labored earnestly, and God blessed the work. Twenty-one souls made the good confession. Twenty were baptized; one young sister was taken suddenly ill and could not be baptized, but we hope she will recover. We also received one sister by relation. All felt that the meetings should have continued longer, even those who were not very friendly to us acknowledge that they never knew such a deep religious feeling worked up in the town. Brother Louie made many friends for himself and the church, not by feeding them taffy, but by fearlessly speaking the truth. He only preached three doctrinal sermons, but they gave no uncertain sound, as it was plainly shown that we believe in the Bible, the whole Bible, and this would admit of no compromise, but must be taken as God gave it, so we feel that the Brethren church is felt and known in McLouth to-day as it never was before. We have been sowing seed rather quietly; but our ministers, Brothers Stout, Kimmel and Brubaker have been going out ten or twelve miles to school-houses and other places preaching, and some of our converts are from one of these places, and if we only had an Evangelist who had the zeal for the work and could give plenty of time to it, we think a great work could be done yet,

that this is only the beginning of the harvest that may be gathered. Our German Baptist brethren have helped us a great deal financially and otherwise. Brother Louie was surprised; said he could not have told there were two churches. We feel very grateful to them for their kindness to us, for financially we were weak, and but for their help could not have accomplished what we have. Brother Louie is a western boy and we feel that it is hardly right to let him go east to labor when he is so much needed in the west, but we pray that God will bless him in his new field of labor, and may it not be long until he may return to us, and may the Lord send more young men into the field filled with the Holy Spirit, willing to do his bidding. Yours for the cause of Christ.

MAGGIE KIMMEL.

Philadelphia, Pa.

One more added to the Lord. He put Christ on in baptism last Wednesday night and had laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Spirit Sunday morning.

I. D. BOWMAN.

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Bond, Kansas

On Saturday evening, Oct. 30, 1897, the Fairview Brethren intend holding their semi-annual communion at their church sixteen miles southwest of Lawrence, Kan. A cordial invitation is extended to those of like faith. By order of the church.

S. W. METSKER.

Blanco, Pa.

On my way to National Conference I held a few meetings in the "Manor Congregation" in Indiana county, Pa. Closed with communion services. Received one into church fellowship by confession and baptism, who had formerly been a member of the Presbyterian church.

J. B. WAMPLER.

Reliance, Va.

A good meeting just closed at this place, conducted by brother M. J. Delaney, who preached six good sermons. The meetings were well attended and the attention was good. We long to have Brother Delaney come back. The result of the meeting was one baptized. The communion services were well attended and much enjoyed. Brother Shaver also preached a sermon on Sabbath morning which was enjoyed by all. We hope to have him return to us. Brother John K. Leedy preached a missionary sermon on Sunday night. Our minister requested that each member pay one cent per month for missionary purposes. This amount is so small that